

Jupiter High School Band Parent Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2016

Location: JHS Chorus Room

Meeting called to order: 7:05 pm

President Susan Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the August 25, 2016, Band Parent meeting were distributed previously by email. The minutes were approved on motion by Debra Wasserman and seconded by Wendy Anderson.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NIGHT - Karen Bell (Chair)

Posters and signs will be made by band member siblings at rehearsal the night before Middle School Night.

We need the following donations:

- 600 Paper plates
- Powdered lemonade

We will serve the middle school students and the Spirit of Jupiter members pizza, water (in cups) and lemonade (in cups).

We are also giving logoed water bottles to all middle school students who attend. Someone will need to put those together and bag them for the middle school band directors/chaperones to distribute at check out.

BAND DIRECTOR REPORT - Andy Gekoskie

Everything is going very well!

- All State Auditions are Saturday
- Spirit of Jupiter is learning the last of the drill for the show tonight
- Michael Fairbrother is picking up uniforms on Friday
- New (optional) trip for Wind Symphony and Symphonic Band on February 10 - the students will go to Epcot at Walt Disney World and participate in a workshop to learn how a score is put to an animated film. They will work with Disney musicians and have the remainder of the day at Epcot. We are working on prices, but the trip will probably be \$150-160, which includes the workshop, bus, and two meals.
- The Wind Symphony is invited to play at Carnegie Hall in New York in the 2017-2018 school year as part of their Ensemble Spotlight Series. This will be a 4-5 day trip on a date TBD. The kids are VERY excited about this! Auditions for Wind Symphony will be in April.
- Please keep talking to people about a trailer!

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE REPORT – Rosalie Jablonski

Last month, we had 49% outstanding Fair Share, but this month we are down to 28% outstanding. The next payment due is \$250 on October 4.

We sold \$13,825 in coupon books.

Volunteer hours have been posted. Please contact Wendy Anderson at wendyanderson@mac.com with any questions regarding volunteer hours. Please make sure you sign in and out for all volunteer activities!

Financial statements will be emailed tomorrow.

The cheesecake fundraiser is still open.

CONCESSIONS – Tammy Palette

We are receiving many donations from parents - that is very helpful! The more donations we have, the more profit we have for the band.

Please be sure to bring in the SMALL (12 oz.) Gatorade if you donate that.

For middle school night, we need donations of Gatorade and sour candy.

We also appreciate all of the help building props!

MARCHING BAND UNIFORMS - Debbie Wiley

We hope to hand out the rest of the uniforms soon! The instrumentalist uniform is:

- Long, plain black socks
- Black Vipers marching band shoes
- Compression wear (shirts and shorts for boys, body tight for girls)
- Bibbers
- Jacket
- Shako with shako wrap

Students can store all of this in their garment bag. Those will be distributed to all students new to the Spirit of Jupiter when they arrive.

CHAPERONE SHIRTS - Susan Taylor

We will be taking orders for chaperone/parent polo shirts with the band's logo embroidered on them. These will be ordered through Country Tees. Watch your email for ordering instructions.

VOLUNTEERING - Susan Taylor

All volunteers must be registered with the school in both the VIPS system and the RAPTOR system in order to chaperone any band field trips. If you don't know if you're registered, stop by the school during regular school hours and ask the front desk. You can also register in VIPS in the computer in the music library; just ask a board member for access to the VIPS program.

PROPS – David Cooper

We will be working on the trees on Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. We need extra tables and painting and sanding supplies.

FUNDRAISING: Mixed Bag Designs - Heather Bournes (chair)

You can order through the catalog (about 50% profit) or order online (about 40% profit). There are a lot of new items available for purchase!

Please text Heather with any questions.

JUPITER PERFORMING ARTS FUND - Sharon Warwick

This is the seventh year of the Jupiter Performing Arts Fund. We help music programs in the Jupiter public schools. Some of the things we've accomplished:

- Through our New Life for Old Notes program, we have donated over 100 instruments to Jupiter public schools.
- We have also donated over \$21,000 to Jupiter public school students in scholarships.
- We have underwritten four different Artists in Residence programs in five years.

Our big focus this year are the string programs at Jupiter Middle and Jupiter High. For example, we've applied for a grant for \$25,000 to help cover the teacher's salary.

Our annual Zombie run has been postponed; we are looking at coordinating the run with the start of the next season of The Walking Dead TV show.

We are holding an interest meeting on September 20 for anyone who wants to hear more about JPAF or help us. Our next general meeting is October 18.

Like our Facebook page!

FESTIVAL OF BANDS – Wendy Anderson (chair)

Hotel rooms have been booked for the judges. They will be staying at the Best Western on Indiantown Road. The Wyndham was approached but they did not respond until last night.

Crystal Titus has many donation requests out.

The Jupiter Courier will cover the event. We need high resolution pictures for an article. Jeff DeMario is working on that and news coverage.

COMPETITION DAY SCHEDULE - Wendy Anderson

Competition days are LONG days. The itinerary for a competition day typically looks like this:

- Morning rehearsal
- Lunch (bring from home)
- Load the truck / Get dressed in uniform
- Travel to competition location
- Unload / Bathroom break / Warm up
- Perform
- Dinner (bring money for concessions)
- Retreat
- Travel to JHS / Unload

There are admission fees to each competition, and many have parking fees or donations as well.

Please read your emails for details about every competition.

NEW BUSINESS

DONATIONS – Jeff DeMario

Jeff has written six grants; two have rejected our application, and two need more information.

We have 15 requests sent out regarding a trailer. We are being very specific about our needs. We need to approach moving companies or companies who sell to moving companies. We need a low profile trailer in good condition. Penske in Riviera Beach is our hottest lead right now.

A1 Moving out by Pratt & Whitney was suggested by Cecilia Chin-Pallés.

If you have any contacts to businesses, please contact Jeff DeMario or Crystal Titus. It's much easier to approach a business for any sort of donation if there is some sort of personal connection that can be used.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM - Football Game

Unfortunately, the band did not get to perform due to the weather.

It was suggested that the band's position for the National Anthem be moved to the middle of the field or some location where both sides of the stadium can see and hear. This is something that would need to be coordinated with the football team, cheerleaders and ROTC. We will bring it forward to Mr. Gekoskie.

HOMECOMING PARADE

For the parade, students will meet at Jupiter Lanes, which serves as the parade staging area. We will need help carpooling kids to the bowling alley right after school that day.

PIT BLANKETS / TARPS NEEDED

The pit can use donations of moving blankets and blue tarps (any size) to help protect their equipment.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

9/16: Home Football Game

9/17: All-State Auditions

9/23: Home Football Game / Middle School Night

10/1: Spirit Competition at Flanagan HS

10/13: Homecoming Parade

10/14: Homecoming Football Game

10/15: Spirit Competition at John I. Leonard HS

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.